



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“The profit for a man is tarnish, if he converts the whole world but loses his own children.”

The Faith of a Child

At my granddaughter’s school, the fourth graders created a historical wax museum for the parents and grandparents to see. As an assignment, the students did a report on a person from the past. The student then dressed up like that person. They sat still at a desk which had a button on it. When a person pressed their button, the student / figure would come alive and told about their character. My granddaughter loves painting so she was Leonardo da Vinci.

I was not able to attend, but my wife told me about one of the figures that looked like a Biblical character. She pressed his button and the student spoke about his character, Jesus. He told about the virgin birth, His ministry, His death on the cross and His resurrection. My wife asked him why did he chose Jesus. He replied that he had received a book about Jesus at Christmas. He became a believer and wanted to tell others about Him. This was in a public school. This young student not ashamed or afraid to share his faith in Jesus Christ.

According at an on-line article, “[When Americans Become Christian](#)” by Missions Mobilizer, 85% of those who make their commitment to Jesus are between the ages of 4 to 14. Another on-line article [Christians Are Not Spreading the Gospel](#) by George Barna, is filled with stats about why, when, and ages of faith. Again, the overwhelming percentage for conversion is pre-adult.

“And Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.” Matt 18:3 Calvary Chapel of South Bay talks about this on their website page: “The Reason Why God Wants You to Become Like a Little Child”. “A child is innocent. A child is trusting. A child believes without complication. A child has not had time to allow the preconceived notions of the world to form his decision-making process. A child is content in the little things. A child takes to heart God’s Word in all its simplicity.”¹

At children dedication in our church, it is more a dedication of the parents and the local congregation to bring the child up in Christian principles and to teach them about Christ, My boys were taken to church and were involved in the children programs. I was their children’s program leader for many years. We also took neighbor kids with us and had summer Bible programs for them in our yard. I cannot say that all the children that we had in the various programs are today living for the Lord. But this I do trust in “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Prov 22:6

Here are you things you can do to promote the faith of your child, grandchild or neighbor’s children: pray, study the Bible, be a loving example, pray, get them involved with church programs, talk (do not preach) to them about Christ, make their friends feel welcome, have family time, praise them and pray.



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*“Jesus loves the little children,
all the children of the World.”*

Do you?



¹ccsouthbay.org/blog/be-like-a-child

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